



The Toni Times

FROM THE DESK OF
COUNCILMEMBER TONI ATKINS

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FUNDING IDENTIFIED FOR 2008 HOMELESS WINTER SHELTER

Funding the winter homeless shelter is one of my highest priorities. No one should have to sleep on the street when the weather is cold and wet. I have always been confident that with some resourcefulness and resolve we could secure the funding that would enable us both to provide beds for the homeless during the winter months and protect the fiscal integrity of the City's budget.

On Friday, June 22, 2007, we were able to do just that -- with the help of the Mayor, the San Diego Housing Commission, the Centre City Development Corporation (CCDC) and United Way of San Diego County. CCDC has agreed to purchase a Housing Commission loan in the amount of \$344,200. In turn, the Housing Commission is able allocate the entire amount to fund the operations of the Winter

Shelter. This year, the United Way has partnered with us and will fund the remaining \$129,800. Together, with the \$201,000 from the citywide Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) allocation, we have guaranteed that the emergency shelter will be open during the upcoming winter months.

This is precisely the best kind of community partnership for solving a common problem and I thank all involved for their part of the solution. However, even though this short term solution is in place for this year, we still need to forge a long-term plan so that the winter shelter funding is protected every year. I look forward to working with you all on this endeavor.



(Above left and center) Last year, the City's emergency shelter program served a total of 1,745 unduplicated homeless veterans, seniors, men, women and children during the coldest months of the year. The emergency shelter located at 16th Street & Newton Avenue in Downtown San Diego will be open beginning this November through May of next year.

(Above right) I was pleased to join Mayor Sanders and representatives from the United Way, Centre City Development Corporation, San Diego Housing Commission and staff from the City's Planning and Community Investment Department at a press conference to announce how we plan to fund the operations of this year's emergency shelter.

WATER & SEWER BILLING TO RETURN TO BI-MONTHLY

After nearly 4 years of billing residents every month for water and sewer usage, the City will return to its previous practice of sending out bills every other month. This is being done to improve the accuracy of the billing system and to save an estimated \$622,000 in annual postage and processing costs.

Originally proposed by Mayor Dick Murphy, monthly billing was intended to ease the burden of low-income ratepayers who might find it easier to pay their water/sewer bill every month instead of paying twice as much every other month. However, during most of the years monthly billing has been in place, the number of accounts being shut off due to delinquencies has actually increased. Additionally, questions over the accuracy of the monthly billing system, as well as the revelation that over half of water/sewer customers are regularly over-charged, led the City Council to vote unanimously on June 18, 2007, to revert to the former practice of bi-monthly

billing. That same council action also directed the Water Department to increase the frequency that any overcharges are calculated and refunded (also known as rate-tier adjustments) from every six months to every two months.

As a result of this action billing will return to bi-monthly in March/April 2008. Bi-monthly rate-tier adjustments will begin in November 2007. The estimated one-time cost to revert to bi-monthly billing is between \$111,800 and \$167,700. The estimated one-time cost to increase the frequency of the tier rate adjustment is between \$28,620 and \$38,637 with additional annual costs of \$4,420 to \$5,724. These costs will offset by savings of approximately \$662,000 annually which will be equally divided between Water and Wastewater funds.

REUBEN H. FLEET SCIENCE CENTER AND SDG&E UNVEIL ROOFTOP SOLAR PANELS AND UPCOMING EXHIBITION ON ENERGY

In late April, the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center and San Diego Gas and Electric (SDG&E) unveiled the installation of more than 10,000 square feet of solar panels on the roof of the Science Center in Balboa Park. This project will generate clean electricity for San Diegans and Balboa Park and will be part of an upcoming interactive exhibition on alternative energy at the museum called "So WATT! An Illuminating Look at Energy," scheduled to open August 11, 2007.



The result of a partnership between the Fleet Science Center, SDG&E and the City of San Diego, the new

solar photovoltaic (PV) system generates more than 100 kilowatts (kW) of electricity at peak production—enough to light 1,700 60-watt bulbs or power about 65 homes. This contribution of clean solar energy will prevent the release of approximately 60 tons of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere each year—a pollutant linked to global warming. I would like to commend Fleet Center director Dr. Jeffrey Kirsch for his leadership in this partnership and efforts to provide an

alternative power source for the museum and Balboa Park.

SHARING THE PAIN ON THE ROAD TO FISCAL RECOVERY

Anyone who has ever bought a fixer-upper knows a lot about the budget recently adopted by the City Council. No one is entirely happy about the sacrifices that have to be made in order to make the house livable. You wish the previous owners had replaced the roof rather than just patching it, because now it leaks. Everyone is grumpy about having to wash dishes in the bathtub because the kitchen's been torn apart. Meanwhile, there are mortgage payments to make and household expenses to meet. That means driving the old car for at least another year. But in a few years, your home will be a showplace and all the pain will have paid off.

At every turn as the Council deliberated the Fiscal Year 2008 budget, we faced similarly painful choices. Long term obligations could not responsibly be avoided -- paying down our debt to the pension system, repairing and replacing aging infrastructure, and complying with legal mandates to make City facilities accessible for the disabled and preventing storm runoff from polluting our streams and ocean. At the same time, we attempted to protect the core services residents have the right to expect from their City government, while also striving to maintain our City's enviable quality of life.

Inevitably, because the dollars can only be stretched so far, there will be unmet needs. Residents and City employees alike will be asked to share the pain while we remodel our fiscal house.

The Council has had to accept that the budget cannot be balanced without significant belt-tightening in every department. While the Mayor has promised the community that city service levels will not be cut, there is no question that a smaller number of City employees will be asked to do more with less. This is the price of living within our means. Throughout the year, we will need to closely monitor whether we have cut too deeply, resulting in unacceptable reductions to the level of services the community receives.

Many of our remaining employees will actually take a pay cut, while at the same time they are asked to take on the work of positions that have been eliminated. Cutbacks to health plans will address a long-standing drain on City resources, but they will also reduce the take-home pay of the many employees who will get no raise this year.

Yet, there is also good news along with the pain. In addition to making regular payments on our long-term obligations, and eliminating the roof-patching of the past, we will be able to maintain many priority services.

Public safety is always a number one concern. In the past year, we have seen an alarming pattern of experienced police officers leaving San Diego for nearby jurisdictions that pay better. It is my hope that a modest pay raise for the police will stem that tide. Equally important, our Fire Chief has warned that we face the driest year in her 23 years of experience. With the goal of avoiding another tragedy like the Cedar fire, the Council has funded additional brush management positions.

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We also protected graffiti removal positions because we know that a small investment in this service has a big payoff in terms of safer, more livable neighborhoods.

Because we are committed to strong financial oversight that will prevent us from repeating the mistakes of the past, we have invested in our fiscal infrastructure. This includes strong and independent financial analysts, continued training for the City Council, and an information system that will provide timely and accurate data about the City's finances.

So while it is difficult to feel good about this budget, we can be proud that we are working to live within our means, that there is nothing hidden in this budget, that we will continue to address pressing financial needs that have been facing the City for a long time, and we will continue to provide many core City services to residents.

Just like our fixer-upper, however, City finances will take more than a single year's work.

The steps we have taken in this year's budget lay the foundation for long term financial recovery for the City, but as we know from the budget gaps projected in the Mayor's 5-year financial outlook, our work has just begun.

In the coming year, the Budget and Finance Committee will examine a number of issues, with an eye toward more effective use of taxpayers' money, improved accountability and transparency in how we spend that money, cost recovery and the elimination of wasteful practices, and protecting the City's assets through responsible financial management.

In the meantime, we will continue to pull down the old wallpaper, eat off paper plates, and look forward to the day we can sit on our newly landscaped patio and admire the fruits of our labors.

ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY CEO CONFIRMED TO THE NATIONAL MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES BOARD



I wanted to take a moment to congratulate Chief Executive Officer Doug Myers of the Zoological Society of San Diego on his recent presidential nomination and U.S. Senate confirmation to serve as a member of the National Museum and Library Services Board (NMLSB). He is only one of three individuals to be recently appointed to this national board. The board advises the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), an independent federal agency that is the primary source of federal support for the Nation's museums and libraries.

The NMLSB is a twenty-four member advisory body. Only twenty Presidential-appointed and Senate-confirmed members of the general public sit on this board and are individuals who have demonstrated expertise in, or commitment to, the 122,000 libraries and 17,000 museums throughout the country. I wish to thank Mr. Myers on this recent appointment as a national representative and for his service to the Zoological Society of San Diego.

CITY COUNCIL TO CONSIDER GOLDEN HILL M.A.D. ELECTION RESULTS

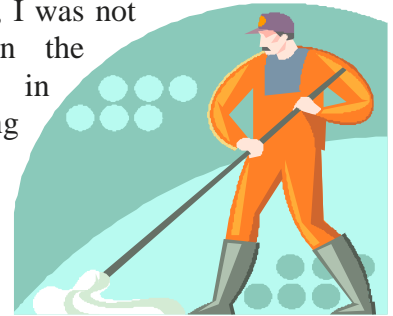
On July 30, 2007 all the ballots will be in. That is the date Council is set to hear the results of the election in which Golden Hill property owners will decide whether a Maintenance Assessment District (M.A.D.) will be implemented in their community.

Ballots have been mailed to the owners of all 3,570 parcels in Golden Hill. Since some parcels would pay more than others depending on the levels of increased services to be received, the votes will be weighted according to the amount of assessment. Therefore, parcels scheduled to pay a greater amount will have a proportionally weighted vote. At least 50% of the weighted vote must be in favor of the MAD in order for it to be implemented.

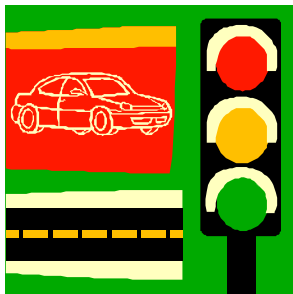
For complete information about specific services to be provided and proposed assessment levels, you

may refer to the Assessment Engineers Report which can be viewed online at www.sandiego.gov/cpci.

One additional note on this subject: I have been told by the Ethics Commission that since I live in Greater Golden Hill, I could have an economic benefit from the outcome of the vote. This determination caused me to recuse myself when the City Council considered whether to authorize balloting for the MAD. Because of this, I was not able to participate in the discussion at Council in any way. I am awaiting a decision from the City Attorney's office, if I will need to recuse myself from the final vote.



RECENT TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENT IN KENSINGTON



Recently, our Streets Division made some traffic and safety improvements in the Kensington neighborhood. Near Franklin Elementary School, the school safety patrol stop bar was relocated to the west for eastbound traffic at the intersection of Monroe & Copeland Avenues

to increase the safety of Franklin's students.

Also, to help mitigate the morning traffic onto the I-15 freeway, "NO STOPPING 6:00AM to 9:00AM" signs were installed for westbound traffic on Adams Avenue, right before the I-15 freeway entrance. These changes will help improve the safety and traffic flow in the Kensington community.

TALMADGE: 15 MPH AROUND TRAFFIC CIRCLE

The traffic circle bounded by Adams Avenue, 49th Street and Jean Drive, is one of Talmadge's hallmarks and a great example of how the community worked together through the Maintenance Assessment District to create a project that significantly improves the community. Recently, it was brought to my attention that there were not any speed limit signs in the traffic circle itself. Some residents were pulled over by police officers because they were traveling 25MPH in the traffic circle, which seems legitimate to them since 25MPH is the speed limit for all of the streets going into the traffic circle. However, the speed limit within the traffic circle is actually 15MPH. Signs have been installed to clarify the speed limit and avoid accidental speeding.

UNDERGROUNDING OF THE 30th STREET TRANSMISSION LINE



As many of you may have already noticed, 30th and Fern Streets have been under construction for the past few weeks. This project is to underground the transmission line that runs along 30th Street/Fern Street. Crews have been trenching and laying conduit from the bridge over Switzer Canyon down to Broadway. Nathan Bruner, Civil Engineer overseeing this project, has informed us that he anticipates to be completed by August. Nathan expects trenching to be completed by August and the transmission line poles along the route, including the large pole near Switzer Canyon, to be removed by January or February of 2008. If you would like more information on this, please feel free to contact my office or Carol Drummond, Public Information Officer, directly at (619) 533-3872.

FARMER'S MARKET RETURNS TO NORTH PARK

The North Park Farmers Market is another example of North Park Main Street (NPMS) working for the benefit of the community. NPMS promotes development that supports arts, culture, and entertainment, while preserving the historical integrity of North Park. NPMS works to create a pedestrian-friendly destination for shopping, dining, and entertainment that supports our local businesses.



I am thrilled that the Farmers Market is finally returning to North Park. Please join NPMS on July 19, 2007, for the grand reopening. The new location is at the parking lot behind CVS at 32nd Street and University Avenue. The market will take place every Thursday, rain or shine, and will be open from 3:00 p.m. to sunset in the spring and summer. Winter hours are 2:00 p.m. to dark.

The market features over 30 independent vendors each week. Fresh, locally grown seasonal and organic produce will be sold, along with San Diego County grown flowers, handmade arts and crafts, and a large selection of prepared gourmet foods. Live music will also provide atmosphere and entertainment to this long-awaited weekly event. The North Park Farmers Market is a gathering place to meet friends and members of the community, get the latest information on local events and projects, and celebrate being part of the same neighborhood. Mark your calendars today! For more information about the North Park Farmers Market, please call North Park Main Street at (619) 294-2501.

ART AROUND ADAMS AVENUE A SUCCESS



Art Around Adams, which took place on Saturday, June 2nd along Adams Avenue, displayed a variety of talented local as well as internationally known artists. The theme at this year's event was The Fairy Tale Mile, which consisted of twelve themes in twelve miles of murals promoting world peace. The Fair Tale mile will eventually join other panels created worldwide to help build the longest mural in the world.

Art Around Adams began with local artists and business owners getting together at a local coffee house to establish an event that would focus on displaying local art in business storefronts. They discovered that there were a number of art studios (consisting of very talented and world-renowned artists), antique stores, coffee houses, and gift shops within walking distance.

Art Around Adams is a wonderful family-free event, which takes place twice yearly in December and June. If you would like to find out when the next Art Around Adams is taking place, please contact Papaha, a member of the Normal Heights Cultural Council at (619) 563-7581.

JOIN US IN UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS FOR “SUMMER IN THE PARK”

Summer In The Park is a series of seven free Friday night concerts designed to bring neighbors, residents, and businesses together in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. It all takes place in the heart of University Heights—Trolley Barn Park (located at the corner of Florida St. & Adams Ave.) I hope to see you there!

2007 Band Schedule 2007

July 6th- **145th Street**—*Electric Blues/Rock Quintet*

July 13th- **Working Cowboy Band**—*Honky Tonk & Texas Swing*

July 20- **Len Rainey**—*Blues & Jazz*

July 27th- **Peter Pavone Quartet** -- *Big Band Swing Era*

August 3rd- **Allie & the Cats** — *Standard & World Jazz Favorites*

August 10th- **Big Rig Deluxe**—*Rock n Roll/Western Swing*

August 17- **Sue Palmer & Her Motel Swing Orchestra & “Pieces”** —*Boogie Woogie & Swing + vocal group: Pieces*



HILLCREST CENTENNIAL UPDATE



Hillcrest has turned 100! This entire year the community of Hillcrest celebrates its centennial (1907-2007) with a series of events. These events include a diverse array of gatherings that include, among other events, a pancake breakfast, scavenger hunt, walking tours, community clean up, Restaurant Week and will end with a gala banquet taking place on October 4th. Please go to HillcrestCentennial.com for an updated list of events and celebrations you can participate in to honor this vibrant and diverse community.

Timecapsule

As part of the celebration, a time capsule was recently buried at the construction site of the Vermont Street Bridge. The vault (which holds blueprints of the pedestrian span) will be exhumed in 100 years for the bicentennial celebration. I added a resolution from the Mayor and City Council to the vault which include other timely items such as letters to future residents, air/water/soil samples, centennial souvenirs, photos, menus, business cards, money, copies of the HillQuest guide (they sponsored the time capsule), among other interesting items.

Hillcrest Clean Up

Also, coming up on Saturday, July 14th, the Hillcrest Centennial Committee, Project CLEAN, Hillcrest Town Council and I will host a neighborhood-wide clean-up that begins at 7am. Volunteers can meet at one of two locations – 1051 University Avenue (lot east of Rich’ s) or at the intersection of Park Boulevard and University Avenue. Allied Waste Services has generously donated two dumpsters to collect refuse at 1051 University Avenue. Bring a broom, dustpan, sturdy shoes and sunscreen to join in this neighborhood effort, or just show up

CITY HEIGHTS CELEBRATES DIVERSITY

15th Annual International Village Celebration

On June 2, 2007, the City Heights Community Development Corporation (CHCDC) hosted the 15th annual International Village Celebration (IVC) at its new location, the City Heights Urban Village Park. This free, one-day, family-friendly festival celebrates one of San Diego's oldest Mid-City communities, home to over 90,000 people speaking more than 30 languages and dialects.

Three outdoor stages offered the opportunity to travel around the world in a single day with the single stop in City Heights. Live Performances throughout the day included Ballet Folklorico, TranscenDANCE, Reggie Smith, MC Funk, Hoover High Drumline, San Diego Cambodian Dancers, and many more.

In addition to the wonderful entertainment there was a fun zone for the youth that included free bicycle helmets, carnival rides, face painting, and astro jumps. The health zone offered free health screenings, insurance and information covering various health related subjects. The career corner held a job fair where job seekers were linked with employers. The arts and crafts zone was a very popular addition this year. The Park and Recreation Department opened the pool and tennis court for a special open house during the IVC.

I would like to commend the CHCDC, International Village Celebration Committee, and their fiscal sponsors for their hard work in making this a very successful event.



(Left) Residents and visitors enjoyed the day-long festivities and entertainment at the City Heights Performance Annex.

(Right) Over 65,000 guests enjoyed this year's International Village Celebration at its new venue—The Urban Village.



CITY HEIGHTS WELCOMES NEW HIGH SCHOOL AND SCIENCE CENTER

Mid-August will bring a new high school, Arroyo Paseo, to City Heights. Arroyo Paseo is a tuition-free public charter high school designed to build a strong partnership among parents, teachers, and students. Arroyo Paseo will be located in the Teralta community and offer small classes and provide a balanced education with an emphasis on science, technology, and mathematics. This charter school strives to provide students with the support they need to succeed in their personal goals.

The City Heights Science Center located at 4305 University Avenue, provides fun experiences in science, math and technology, based on the California State standards, for 7th - 9th grade students at no charge. The active hands-on activities will build interest and skills to prepare students for rigorous high school courses. Students may use the center after school on a drop-in basis or sign up for clubs, outings and other activities provided by teachers and community partners.

For more information about Arroyo Paseo Charter High School or the City Heights Science Center, please contact Ann Marie Wellhouse at (619) 249-6812 or by email ann.wellhouse@gmail.com.

District Three Neighborhood Meetings

City Heights

Azalea Park Neighborhood Association: Meets the second Tuesday of the month at 2596 Violet Street at 6:30pm. Contact: info@azaleapark.org.

Cherokee Point Neighborhood Association: Meets the fourth Wednesday at 6:30pm, Cherokee Point Elementary School, 3735 38th Street. Contact: (619) 285-1611.

City Heights Community Development Corporation: Meets the second Thursday of each month at 6pm at 4283 El Cajon Boulevard. Contact: (619) 584-1535.

Fairmount Park Neighborhood Association: Meets the third Thursday of the month at 3850 Westgate Place at 6:30pm. Contact: FairmountPark92105@yahoo.com.

Mid-City Rotary Club: Meets every Tuesday of each month at 5:30pm at the Pearson Ford Regional Transportation Center, 4001 El Cajon Blvd.

Contact: Eveardo.Aguilar@sdcounty.ca.gov

South Castle Neighborhood Association: Meets the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm at the Buddhist Temple, 3322 Central Avenue. Contact: (619) 284-3118.

Swan Canyon: Meets the third Wednesday of the month at 3120 Euclid Avenue at 6:30 p.m.

Contact: rebecca@bairfinancial.com.

Teralta Concerned Citizens Association: Meets every 4th Monday of the month at 6:30pm at the Fairmount Community Church, 4100 Fairmount Avenue.

Contact: (619)584-2360

Teralta West Neighborhood Alliance: Meets every first and third Thursday of the month at 4283 El Cajon Blvd. at 6:00pm. Contact: (619) 281-3551.

Golden Hill

Greater Golden Hill Community Development Corporation (GGHCDC): Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at the Moose Lodge, 1648 30th Street, beginning at 6:30pm. Contact: (619) 696-9992.

Kensington

The Kensington/Talmadge Community Association: meets every third Wednesday at the Kensington Community Church, 4773 Marlborough Drive, beginning at 7pm. (dinner for a reasonable price is served prior)

Normal Heights

Normal Heights Cultural Council: Meets the third Thursday of each month from 6:00pm-7:30pm at 4649 Hawley Boulevard.

North Park

Altadena Neighborhood Association: Board meetings are the first Wednesday of the month at Santos Coffee at Thorn and 32nd streets. Contact: (619) 280-6662.

Burlingame Neighborhood Association: Meets the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm at different locations each month. Contact: dbyrne4bna@cox.net.

North Park Community Association: Meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at North Park Recreation Center, 4044 Idaho Street. Contact: info@northparksd.org

South Park

The South Park Action Council: Meetings are held quarterly. For information or future meeting dates, e-mail Co-Chairs: Samantha Keenan at samkeen@cox.net or Connie McDonough at conniemcdonough@cox.net.

Talmadge

The Kensington/Talmadge Community Association (see Kensington)

The Talmadge Community Council (TCC): Meets every third Tuesday at 4725 Lucille Drive beginning at 6:30pm.

University Heights

The University Heights Community Development Corporation (CDC): Meets on the first Wednesday of the month at the CDC office located at 4452 Park Blvd, Suite 104, at 6:30pm.

The University Heights Crime Watch and Neighborhood Association: Meets on the first Thursday of the month at Alice Birney School Auditorium, 4345 Campus Avenue. Crime Watch at 6:30pm; UHNA at 7:00pm.

Uptown

Bankers Hill/Park West Community Association: meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm at St. Paul's Community Care Center located at 328 Maple Street. Entry is through the parking lot on the west side of the building. Contact: EucalyptusAlert@aol.com

Hillcrest Town Council and Hillcrest Neighborhood Watch: meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Neighborhood Watch meets at 6:30pm followed by the Town Council at 7:00pm at Joyce Beers Community Center, 1230 Cleveland Avenue, Uptown District Shopping Center next to Aladdin Restaurant. Contact: nancy@hillquest.com.

District Three Community Meetings & Staff Information

MONTHLY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

Adams Avenue Business Association

4649 Hawley Boulevard Meets the first Tuesday of the month, 7:30am. Contact: 619/282-7329

City Heights Business Association

Board meetings: second Wednesday of every month at 8am at the Metro Career Center Community Room, 3910 University Avenue. Phone: 619/516-2282

El Cajon Blvd. Business Improvement Association

3727 El Cajon Boulevard Meets the third Thursday of the month, 11:30am. Contact: 619/283-3608

Hillcrest Association

Joyce Beers Community Center, 1230 Cleveland Ave. in the Uptown District Meets the second Tuesday of the month, 5:00pm. Contact: 619/299-3330.

North Park Main Street

3076 University Avenue Meets the second Wednesday of the month, 7:30am. Contact: 619/294-2501

MONTHLY REDEVELOPMENT MEETINGS

North Park Project Area Committee

California Nat'l Bank, 3180 University Ave., 2nd Floor Meets the second Tuesday of the month, 7:00pm. Contact: Gayle Richardson, Chair, at 619/291-4833.

City Heights Project Area Committee

Metro Career Center, Community Room, 3910 University Ave. Meets the second Monday of the month, 6pm Contact: Karen Bucey, Chair, 619/957-5818.

DISTRICT THREE STAFF

Denise Price, Chief of Staff.

Dale Kelly Bankhead, Committee Consultant to the Committee on Budget and Finance. Communications Director; LGBT community liaison; HIV/AIDS issues.

April Chesebro, Council Representative to Kensington, Talmadge and University Heights; Constituent Services Representative to North Park, Normal Heights, South Park and Golden Hill; African-American community liaison; Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA), homeless and senior issues.

Stephen Hill, Policy Advisor/Council Representative to SANDAG Board, environment, canyon preservation, libraries, land use citywide; Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP), water and sewer issues, military/veterans issues; Council docket coordinator.

Pam Ison, Council Representative to City Heights; liaison to Asian/Pacific Islander community; citywide housing and redevelopment; SANDAG regional housing; school liaison and education issues; homeless, women's, youth and health issues; parks and recreation; Chargers/Qualcomm Stadium; Community Development Block Grants (CDBG); newsletter; webpage.

Cheli Mohamed, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Atkins and Chief of Staff Denise Price.

Kim Nguyen, Council Representative to City Heights; Constituent Services Representative to Uptown.

Monica Pelaez, Press Secretary/Council Representative to North Park and Normal Heights; liaison to the Latino community; citywide business issues; Police Department liaison and public safety issues; Fire and Life Safety Services liaison.

Jeffery Tom, Council Representative to Balboa Park, Uptown and Hillcrest; Metropolitan Transit System; Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT), infrastructure, arts and culture, energy, telecommunications, BID Council liaison.

MONTHLY DISTRICT THREE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Balboa Park Committee

Santa Fe Room of the Balboa Park Club (Off Presidents Way west of Park Blvd.). Meets the first Thursday of the month, 6:30pm.

Contact: Darlene Davies, Chair: ddavies@mail.sdsu.edu

City Heights Area Planning Committee

Metro Career Center, Community Room, 3910 University Avenue. Meets the first Monday of the month, 6:30pm

Contact: Michael Sprague, Chair, 619/255-7902.

Greater Golden Hill Planning Committee (GGHPC)

Balboa Golf Course Clubhouse, Golden Hill. Meets the second Wednesday of the month, 6:30pm or the city staff member at 619/533-5284.

Contact: Patricia Shields, Chair, (619) 295-1374.

Greater North Park Community Planning Committee

North Park Christian Fellowship, Second Floor, 2901 North Park Way. Meets the third Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm.

Contact: Vicki Granowitz, Chair, (619) 584-1203, or vdgwrl@aol.com

Kensington/Talmadge Planning Group

Kensington Community Church, 4773 Marlborough Drive Meets the second Wednesday of the month, 6:30pm.

Contact: Fred Lindahl, Chair, 619/287-3157.

Normal Heights Community Planning Group

4649 Hawley Boulevard. Meets the first Tuesday of the month, 6:00pm.

Contact: Jim Baross, Chair, JimBaross@cox.net

Uptown Planners

Joyce Beers Community Center, 1230 Cleveland Ave. in the Uptown District. Meets the first Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm Contact: Leo Wilson, Chair, 619/574-0109.